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HOMARI AOKI: Hello and welcome to this presentation on grant application assistance for the Grid Resilience Formula Grants under the Section 40101D of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This program is a noncompetitive grant available to Indian tribes including Alaska native corporations as well as states and U.S. territories to reduce the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events to the electric grid.

My name is Homari Aoki and I work with the Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office where we are implementing the Grid Resilience provisions from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This presentation is an update to one that was recorded last summer, as some changes to the application process have been made and new assistance has been made available. We have also received some applications for this grant already and we would like to provide additional guidance to applicants who are still in the process of developing their submissions based on some frequently asked questions we received.

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To help drive states and territories with the application, the Grid Deployment Office has established application assistance through different means including the development of templates, example applications, webinars, and these recorded presentations. This recording is the first of a miniseries to help applicants through the application process.

The Grid Deployment Office launched in August 2022 to maintain and invest in critical generation facilities such as hydropower and nuclear energy. And it was meant to increase grid resilience and improve and expand transmission in distribution systems to provide reliable, affordable electricity to everyone everywhere.

Working in strong partnership with energy sector stakeholders on a variety of grid initiatives, GDO deploys its efforts via three divisions: the generation credits, the transmission and the grid modernization divisions. These three divisions leverage unique authorities to drive investment,

improve resource adequacy, boost transmission and distribution resilience, and provide access to expertise, capabilities, and technical assistance on a variety of transformational grid modernization and market strategies.

The Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant program is designed to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against events such as: wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The Grid Resilience Grant is available to the following applicants: states, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations.

By the end of this miniseries you should have everything you need to know in order to apply for the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant. This presentation will cover the following objectives: what you'll need to know before applying for the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant,

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registration and pre-application requirements, the forms, how to submits, and steps after submission.

If you would like to learn more about the Grid Resilience Formula Grant, we have an overview recording on our website at [energy.gov/gdo/events/grid-resilience-formula-grants-tribes](https://energy.gov/gdo/events/grid-resilience-formula-grants-tribes). I would encourage you to view those recordings and presentations on the Grid Resilience Formula Grant overview before returning to this presentation.

That's it for the introduction. Our next video will be on what you need to know before applying to the grant.

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